

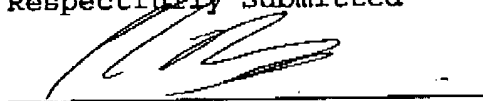
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REMARKS

The following remarks are in response to the Office Action mailed on April 7, 2004. Upon entrance of the amendments set out above, Claims 1-19 and 40-59 remain pending in this application. The claims are similar to the parent case, but with the "welding" limitations removed. A terminal disclaimer directed to each of the parent cases is enclosed.

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application should be allowed. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned below if it will aid in the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully Submitted



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